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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL (A), WE MET WITH DISARMA-
MENT COMMISSIONER ROTH ACCOMPANIED BY MBFR VERIFICATION
OFFICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GRUENDEL ON MAY 22 TO MAKE THE
POINTS SET FORTH IN PARA 2 REFTTEL (A). THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO THAT PARAGRAPH.

A. AFTER THANKING ROTH FOR THE FRG'S PROMPT
RESPONSE TO THE U.S. PAPER, WE REMARKED UPON THE SPEED
WITH WHICH THE FRG HAD REPLIED TO WASHINGTON. ROTH SAID
"IT WAS EASY" SINCE THE U.S. POSITION NOW APPEARS TO
BE SO CLOSE TO THE FRG'S. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE USG
COULD EXPECT FURTHER DETAILED VIEWS, RUTH INDICATED IT
WAS NOT HIS INTENTION TO PROVIDE ANYTHING IN WRITTEN

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FORM. RATHER, HE WOULD PREFER THAT THE VARIOUS OPEN

POINTS BE DISCUSSED AT A LATER DATE IN WASHINGTON, ASSUMING THE U.S. IS MORE ADVANCED IN ITS STUDIES. ROTH MENTIONED THE END OF JUNE AS A POSSIBLE TIME FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

B. (1) IN DESCRIBING THE FRG POINT ON OBSERVERS AND INSPECTION POINTS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT GERMAN THINKING ON THIS ISSUE IS STILL FLEXIBLE. IN CONTRAST TO WASHINGTON'S UNDERSTANDING THAT OBSERVERS OF WITHDRAWALS AND THOSE ASSIGNED TO INSPECTION POSTS WOULD NOT BE THE SAME, ROTH SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THEY WOULD BE THE SAME PEOPLE. HE CONTINUED, HOWEVER, BY SAYING THAT THEY COULD BE DIFFERENT PEOPLE. IT WOULD DEPEND UPON THE NATURE OF THE REDUCTIONS. ROTH SAID THE SIZE OF THE WITHDRAWALS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AS TO HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE REQUIRED, AND HOW THEY WOULD BE EMPLOYED.

(2) ROTH THEN MADE AN IMPORTANT POINT REGARDING THE FRG POSITION. HE SAID THE FRG WANTS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MONITORING WITHDRAWALS AND THE POST-REDUCTION PERIOD INSPECTIONS. HE REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES THE KEY GERMAN POSITION THAT THE FRG WANTS TO AVOID INTRUSIVE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES ON THE WHOLE OF ITS TERRITORY FOR AN UNLIMITED TIME.

(3) ROTH SAID THE FRG IS READY TO ACCEPT INSPECTORS ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO MONITOR WITHDRAWALS. HOWEVER, AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WITHDRAWAL, ONLY FIXED EXIT/ENTRY POINTS WOULD BE USED. IN A FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION LATER, GRUENDEL ASSERTED THAT THE FRG IS LIKELY TO ACCEPT CERTAIN MOBILE INSPECTORS FOR THE PERIOD OF WITHDRAWALS. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT OBSERVERS MIGHT BE CHARGED WITH ACCOMPANYING THE TROOPS AS THEY LEAVE THE AREA. HOWEVER, GRUENDEL ALSO INDICATED THE FRG DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER SUCH MOBILE INSPECTORS WILL NECESSARILY BE NEEDED, AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET ADOPTED A POSITION ISSUE.

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POINT MADE BY ROTH WAS THAT THE EASTERN INSPECTORS ON GERMAN SOIL MIGHT BE HOUSED IN U.S. BARRACKS OR INSTALLATIONS. HE INDICATED FURTHER THAT THE SPECIFIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF SUCH INSPECTORS WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE DETERMINED.

(5) AS FOR THE TIME LIMITATION ENVISAGED BY THE FRG, ROTH INDICATED THAT A 4-6 WEEK PERIOD WOULD

PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT TO MONITOR WITHDRAWALS.

C. ROTH WAS RATHER WARY ABOUT WHEN THE U.S. COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE A "SHORTENED VERSION" OF THE FRG VERIFICATION STUDY. HE SAID HE PLANS TO VISIT VIENNA ON JUNE 16 TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH SOME OF THE

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EXPERTS WHO WORKED ON THE VERIFICATION STUDY AS WELL AS WITH THE FRG MBFR DEL. THE GERMANS WILL THEN DECIDE HOW TO PACKAGE A VERIFICATION PRESENTATION AND WHETHER TO MAKE AVAILABLE AN ADVANCE COPY OF THE STUDY PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE FORMAL ORAL PRESENTATION TO THE U.S. AS FOR TIMING, ROTH MENTIONED HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK, PREFERABLY IN THE FIRST HALF OF JULY.

D. THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING OF VERIFICATION EXPERTS. HOWEVER, THE EXACT TIMING IS NOT YET CLEAR, ALTHOUGH ROTH SEEMS TO BE ZEROING IN ON THE PERIOD JUNE 23-JULY 15.

2. IN A LATER SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH GRUENDEL, HE POSED TWO QUESTIONS WHICH WE INDICATED WE WOULD PASS
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TO WASHINGTON. FIRST, HE ASKED WHAT SPECIFIC EXIT/ENTRY POINTS IN THE WESTERN NGA THE USG HAD IN MIND. THE U.S. PAPER MENTIONS 6-8 SUCH POINTS BUT DOES NOT DESIGNATE THEM SPECIFICALLY. ARE WE IN A POSITION TO DO SO NOW? SECOND, HE ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TECHNICAL EVALUATION MENTIONED IN PARA 4.E, REFTEL (B) WHICH LED THE U.S. TO BELIEVE THAT THE IDEA OF CHALLENGE INSPECTION WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE. THE CURRENT GERMAN VIEW IS TO KEEP THE OPTION OPEN AT LEAST, PARTICULARLY FOR POSSIBLE USE IN PHASE II VERIFICATION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE U.S. ANALYSIS WOULD BE WELCOME IN BONN, ALTHOUGH GRUENDEL SAID THE SUBJECT COULD EASILY BE DISCUSSED AT THE PROPOSED FUTURE VERIFICATION EXPERTS MEETING.
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